

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES**

Meeting of Thursday June 4, 2015

Lakeport Senior Center Conference Room, 527 Konocti Rd. Lakeport

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Becky Curry. Roll call was taken by circulating an attendance sheet. Secretary Rubin absent, Chair will take minutes

**Voting Members Present:**

District 1: 0; District 2: L. Baron; S. Howland; H. Riley; W. Manners;

District 3: James Evans; L. Rigod; J. Sheehy District 4: V. Cerenio; M. Harris; T. Jordan District 5: B. Curry; A. Esutoki; Club Representatives: W. Harris (Lake County Stonewall Democratic Club)

Ex Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Dodd); W. Holbrooke (Thompson) J. Swetnam (Garamendi)

**Voting Members Absent:**

District 1: R. Green(u); A. Rubin (u); District 4: N. Strasser (u); District 5: L. Acosta (u); H. Luia(u); J. Luiz (McGuire)(x)

**Alternate Members Present**

District 2: D. Smith (Manners); District 3: L. Matthews (Rigod)

**Associate Members Present:**

District 1: M. Rosenthal District 5: G. Parillo; C. Koehn

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda: J. Conard / Approved as presented

**Approval of May 7, 2015 Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes: J. Conard / Approved as presented.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Appointments:** Dave Smith has resigned as Club Representative for the Lake County Democratic Club. Dave Smith appointed as alternate for Bill Manners, District 2 Regular member.

**Public Comment:**

none

**Legislator's Reports:**

**Congress Member Mike Thompson**

Wally Holbrooke reported that:

- Statement on transporting Crude by Rail – need for more stringent safety regulations
- Congressional Art Competition winner – Viviana Garcia of Napa
- Announced 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Veteran's Fellowship Caucus
- May is Geothermal Awareness month as approved by the California State Senate
- Voted to pass legislation ending bulk collection of metadata
- Urge extensions of provisions critical to wetlands conservation
- Introduced New Energy for America Act (HR 2412)
- Honoring California's Geothermal Industry
- Statement on Memorial Day
- Announced Service Academy Appointees
- Brownsfields EPA Grant to Solano County Water Agency

Full report available on the website, [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org).

**Congress Member John Garamendi**

- Renewed opposition to TPP
- Make it in America legislation – two bills introduced -- The Airports, Highways, High-Speed Rail, Trains and Transit: Make it in America Act (H.R. 613); The Manufacture Renewable Energy Systems: Make it in America Act (H.R. 487)

**State Senator Mike McGuire:**

- No Report

**Assembly Member Dodd:**

Judy Conard reported that:

- Thanks to volunteers who helped with the Assemblymember's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake County BBQ, held at Chacewater on May 23, 2015
- Yolo County BBQ June 7, 2015

**Club Reports:**

**Lake County Democratic Club:**

Club Chair Adckinjo Esutoki reported that:

- May meeting guest speaker – Mireya Turner, Lakeport City Council Member
- June 9 meeting will host Wally Holbrooke with an update on Lake County's Way to Wellville project

**Stonewall Club:**

Club representative Wanda

- No report

## **Officer's Reports:**

### **Chair:**

Chair Curry reported that:

- Re upped DPLC listing with the Lake County Chamber of Commerce
- Announced BOE member Fiona Ma's June 9 workshop for non profits in Ukiah
- Announced Mendocino Women's Political Caucus campaign trainings – June 20; July 11; August 1 – Ukiah Valley Conference Center – will send email announcement
- SB 277 (Sen.Pan) – repeal of personal belief exemption – CDP support
- Status of SoJ opposition resolution – to be heard at August CDP Executive Board meeting
- Distributed CDP Resolution Committee report – details can be found at [www.lakecountymocrats.org](http://www.lakecountymocrats.org)
- Congratulations to Vice Chair Esutoki for winning CDP Region 2 Dem 2016 contest

Vice Chair Esutoki reported that:

- Attended Bill Dodd BBQ on May 23
- Convention report - CDC leadership
- Reiterated need for Dems to join Dem 2016 effort

### **Secretary:**

In Secretary Rubin's absence, the Chair reported:

- MATH (Middletown Area Town Hall) meeting May 14. Dollar General's bid to open a store in Middletown. Overall sentiment of the attendees was decidedly negative. Planning Commission decision pending.
- Need for new leadership at MATH with more HVL representation
- Local Laborers #324 ongoing strike – the DPLC should weigh in.
- Confirmed voter registration booths at HVL Concerts on the Green June 19 & Sept 18, 5pm-8pm

### **Treasurer:**

Treasurer James Evans reported:

General Fund:

- Received \$303.00 from Lake County Democratic Club towards storage shed payment
- \$500.00 BBQ sponsorship from Sen. Mike McGuire
- Paid \$30.00 for Voter Registration booths at HVL Concerts on the Green – June & Sept
- Paid \$25.00 Deposit for Clearlake Senior Center rental for annual BBQ
- Over budget \$15.00 for Voter Registration and \$105.00 for storage unit
- Balance on hand \$1139.00

Budget:

There have been three alterations to the budget. We will no longer receive \$217.00 from the Stonewall Club for insurance. They will obtain their own policy. The Stonewall Club has also opted out of sharing the cost of the storage unit and the Lake County Democratic Club has agreed to pay for half the cost and the DPLC will pay half the cost rather than a third.

The storage facility has also raised our rent from \$500.00 to \$605.00 annually. We will pay \$303.00 instead of the \$167 we paid last year, or \$ 136.00 more. The total negative impact to the budget from these changes is \$353.00

### **Elections:**

Becky Curry reported that:

- Introduced bylaw changes recommended by the standing committee to the DPLC's non partisan candidate endorsement process. Language M/S/A with one abstention.
- Reported that in 2015 there will be 14 races for local school boards. 3 of those seats are held by Republicans. Commitments to contact members of local school boards to assess races/possible candidates were made by committee members.
- Discussion of creating a list volunteer resources available for endorsed candidates

### **Finance:**

No report

### **Issues:**

In lead Committee chair Green's absence, Chair reported

- Recommending letter to HVL Board supporting LIUNA #324 striking HVL workers. Motion: Member Harris. M/S/A
- Keep it California – Committee member Howland & Swetnam reported more letters to the editor need to be written. Swetnam has discussed the issue with our State legislator's bringing their attention to the issue. Associate member Parillo has applied for a KiC booth and parade entry at the Kelseyville Pear Festival, Saturday Sept 25, 2015.

### **Voter Registration:**

Shirley reported that:

- Voter Reg Lower Lake Days May 23 – Registered one person (R). Keep it California literature distributed. This information drew the most interest at the booth.
- Voter Reg Booth – July 4 Austin Park Clearlake – Reimburse Shirley for cost of booth. Volunteer sign ups for booths at July 4 and for August 1 Power to the Youth event.
- Gillian reported on progress of National Voter Registration Day event in Lake County. Sept 22. She has permission from all High Schools and will be working with Brock Falkenberg at LCOE to facilitate. Volunteer call out upcoming. She also has gotten permission to set up a non partisan Voter reg booth at the Lake County Spring Fair (June 12-14) Volunteer sign ups solicited.
- County Fair booth application has not arrived yet.

### **On Going Business:**

Convention Reports from DPLC and ADem Delegates -- Conard (DPLC); Esutoki(DPLC) i; W. Harris (ADEM), Holbrooke(DPLC); Swetnam (DPLC) – very productive informative energizing convention. Full convention speeches video at cadem.org

## BBQ 2015

- 2015 BBQ time line and volunteer assignments list handed out: Volunteer sign up sheet circulated.
  - Event leads:
    - BBQ – Richard East
    - Graphics/Mailing – Joy Swetnam
    - Press – Bill Manners
    - Sides – Virginia Cerenio & Tom Jordan
    - Drinks – Joy/Judy
    - Silent Auction – Norm & Celesta Deter
    - Reception – James Evans
    - Sponsors/Keynote - Becky
- Sponsor checks received from Congr Thompson; NBLC; and Mendo Lake Building Trades, totaling \$1200.00. Curry will continue to follow up with sponsors both legislative & labor
- Curry still working on securing keynote speaker
- Venue reserved
- Business Sponsors – Curry will write to various businesses asking for sponsorships/silent auction donations or both. Follow up calls will be made by Adckinjo, Dave and Judy

## Strategic Plan tasks:

- Outreach to lapsed members – Dave Smith has agreed to follow up. He and Wanda H. made calls to lapsed members. Dave has written and will send out a reminder letter to those members.
- Young Dems – no report

## Announcements:

- Member Riley reported on recent article in the Advocate featuring an interview with US AG Eric Holder. Member Riley is also awaiting the Supreme Court decision to strike down federal same sex marriage ban.
- Member Moira Harris reported on her volunteer work at Assy. Bill Dodd's BBQ
- Member Holbrooke has tickets for sale for the June 6 Chicken Q to benefit People Services

**Next meeting will be on Thursday July 2, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room**

## Adjourned 8:00 pm

Minutes recorded by Chair Becky Curry